

L 425 - History Notes

BACKGROUND: History notes are used to show terms that have changed over time, or to document decisions that have been made in determining the form that a term will take. Although History notes function primarily as a database maintenance device, they also serve the user as a source of related or deprecated terms that are associated with an authorized term. They may also assist researchers who are delving into a topic and want to explore the use of language over time. For examples of full LCDGT records in MARC, including the History Note, see L 545 - MARC Authority Records for LCDGT.

1. Types of History notes.

a. Date of establishment. When a term is approved, it is given a History note stating the month and year of approval.

b. A deprecated term. When one term has been deprecated in favor of another term, the History notes in both records are updated to document that change. *Example:*

[Term A]

Established 2015. Used from 2015-2016. No longer valid for use.

[Term B]

Established 2016. From 2015-2016, the heading [Term A] was used.

c. A changed record. Any time an LCDGT authority record is changed, that change is documented in the history note.